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## From the President

By Sheldon Plotkin

The highlight of our General Meeting of May 28 was an interesting program on Microsoft's newest operating system, Windows XP. Dana Berkoski of Microsoft presented a visual program in which she outlined and explained the many new features. Windows XP is the operating system on our new computers in the lab. The presentation was received with great enthusiasm. It was worth the wait.

I am happy to report that three SIGS (Special Interest Groups) are active and meeting on a monthly basis. You can read about them in this issue of Bits & Bytes. Your Board and many members are highly motivated by the various activities in these Special Interest Groups. We certainly have a great deal of talent and know-how in our club which can be shared by all. Check meeting schedule of the ISIG, DSIG, and MSIG

The Board has recently passed a motion to allow all new

members who sign up in June for the 2002-03 year, to be eligible to attend June classes. Hopefully, this one-month-bonus will make for a friendly and acceptable venture.

Our class schedule for the summer months continues, but with fewer courses as many teachers take some time off. If you plan to take any classes, please sign up in the designated notebooks and be sure to include your phone number. The sign up sheets are helpful to the instructors in planning their presentations.

As a reminder, we will not hold any General Meetings for the months of June, July or August. However, the Board will hold its regular monthly Board meetings in the lab on the third Tuesday of each month. Members are welcome to attend.

All current members are reminded to renew their membership in June. Renewal forms are in the lab. Place your form and check in an envelope and insert it in the new "LET'S COMPUTE" lock box in the lab to the left as you enter.

## Election Results

INTRODUCING

THE 2002-  
2003

"LET'S  
COMPUTE"  
OFFICERS

**PRESIDENT**

Sheldon Plotkin

**VP PROGRAMS**

Lyn Morse

**VP**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Kent McDonald

**VP EDUCATION**

Jim Calvert

**SECRETARY**

Jan Grenert

The newly elected officers' terms will begin on July 1. We would like to thank the Nominating Committee; Shirley Allan, Norma Streeter, Ginny Sprinkle, and assistant, Eleanor Lynch for a job well done. 263 votes were cast.

## Calvert's Corner

By Jim Calvert

Greetings to all from Redmond, Oregon. It is very quiet here and I have had time to reflect on what a wonderful education program we have had this year and to think about things we can do to make it even better. One thing would be for you to share your ideas with me. Let's be creative. There are over 700 of us in the club. Just think of the possibilities. What new classes do we need? Do some of you have skills to share? If you have knowledge that could be shared but don't wish to be a teacher, you could contact me and we could build a class that someone else could teach. I asked last year if anyone would be willing to share their ideas about creating a family Christmas letter. No one responded. Maybe if we start earlier this year we could create a "show and tell" about that.

I am working on classes about using the new Windows XP operating system and also about uses for Microsoft Works Suite 2002. Those will be ready for October or November.

My Email address is: [jimlanna@aol.com](mailto:jimlanna@aol.com).  
Let's make the creation of an even greater education program a team effort.

## DIGITAL SIG



By  
Donna  
Szostak

At our May meeting, Larry Hobson presented an interesting demonstration of a slide show created on a CD that can be viewed on a DVD player. People who attended were so enthused about the software program they asked to see just how it is done. They will get the chance to see the process at our June meeting.

Our next meeting will be on **June 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm** in the Computer Lab. This time Larry will show attendees exactly how to create a slide show—complete with music. What makes this slide show program different from other such programs is that you create the show on a CD-R and can show it on your television with a DVD player. This is a meeting you won't want to miss.



**RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP**

## MAC



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By Lyn Morse

On Tuesday evening the 21<sup>st</sup> Mac users met in the Computer Lab with 15 people in attendance. There was another give-away table with items for the taking. A copy of King's Quest II was won by Dave Allan in a drawing; many thanks to Liz Ferrel for donating it to the Mac group.

Neal Denkler did a brief demonstration of OS X; he will be teaching a class in it this month. Jean Ferrul had information on a new website, [www.anybirthday.com](http://www.anybirthday.com), which the group explored.

Most of the meeting was taken up with Q and A, with a lot of information being shared.

The next meeting for MacSIG will be **Friday, June 24, at 9:00 a.m.** If you haven't been to one of our meetings yet, come and join us for an hour of sharing.

## Virus Alert !!!

By Barbara Kaye

Today I got an email from a friend with an attachment that I suspected was a virus. The subject line was the tip-off. It was something I knew this friend would never write.

It said " **So cool a flash enjoy it**" and even though my friend uses a MacIntosh computer and the Klez virus infects PCs, I sent her an Instant Message asking her whether she had sent the email. Of course, she hadn't, but someone else had used her computer remotely to send out the virus, also attaching a document from her hard drive. I looked on the Symantec website and found that the Klez virus sends emails using the following subject lines, so look for these when you're reading your emails and delete any with these subjects:

The email message that this worm sends is composed of "random" strings. The subject can be one of the following:

how are you  
 let's be friends  
 darling  
 so cool a flash enjoy it  
 your password  
 honey  
 some questions  
 please try again  
 welcome to my hometown  
 the Garden of Eden  
 introduction on ADSL  
 meeting notice  
 questionnaire  
 congratulations  
 sos!  
 japanese girl VS playboy

look my beautiful girl friend  
 eager to see you  
 spice girls' vocal concert  
 japanese lass' sexy pictures  
 Undeliverable mail--[Random word]"  
 Returned mail--[Random word]"  
 a [Random word] [Random word]  
 game  
 a [Random word] [Random word]  
 tool  
 a [Random word] [Random word]  
 website  
 a [Random word] [Random word]  
 patch  
 [Random word] removal tools

As they used to say on Hill Street Blues, "Let's be safe out there"

**Barbara Kaye**

## June 2002 Computer Classes Listed By Date

Monday	June 3	9:00 3:00	Word 1 – Creating a Basic Letter (Win) Beginning PC/Windows 1 – Using the Mouse	Shirley Celli Bob Jameson
Tuesday	June 4	2:00 3:00	Macintosh I – Exploring the Desktop Beginning PC/Windows 2 – Using the Keyboard	Neal Denkler Bob Jameson
Wednesday	June 5	3:00 4:00	Beginning PC/Windows 3 – Working with Files Word 5 – Part 1 (Win)	Bob Jameson Jan Grenert
Thursday	June 6	9:00 3:00	Using Norton Antivirus Software To Keep Your PC Healthy Beginning PC/Windows 4 - Email/Internet	Barbara Kaye Bob Jameson
Friday	June 7	2:00 4:00	AppleWorks 4 – Graphics Print Shop Greeting Cards 1	Shirley Allan Doris Keniry
Monday	June 10		NO CLASSES TODAY	
Tuesday	June 11	9:00 2:00 7:00 p.m.	Word 2 – Revising a Basic Letter (Win) Macintosh II – Mail and the Internet <b>INTERNET SIG</b>	Walter Goldsmith Neal Denkler Terry Kay
Wednesday	June 12	9:00 7:00 p.m.	Windows Maintenance and Organization <b>DIGITAL SIG</b>	Charlie Voelker Pete Claar
Thursday	June 13		NO CLASSES TODAY	
Friday	June 14	2:00 4:00	Beginning Mac 1 – Understanding Your Mac Print Shop Greeting Cards 2	Shirley Allan Doris Keniry
Monday	June 17	3:00	Beginning PC/Windows 1 – Using the Mouse	Bob Jameson
Tuesday	June 18	9:00 2:00 3:00	Word 3 – More Business Letter Basics (Win) Macintosh OS X – Taking a Look at OS X <b>BOARD MEETING</b>	Walter Goldsmith Neal Denkler

Wednesday	June 19	3:00	Beginning PC/Windows 2 – Using the Keyboard	Bob Jameson
Thursday	June 20	2:00	Using a CD Burner on the PC	Bob Jameson
		3:00	Beginning PC/Windows 3- Working with Files	Bob Jameson
Friday	June 21	9:00	<b>MAC SIG</b>	Ron Delgado
		2:00	Beginning Mac 2 – Understanding Your Mac	Shirley Allan
		3:00	Beginning PC/Windows 4 – Email/Internet	Bob Jameson
Monday	June 24	9:00	Word 3.5 – Address Labels (Win)	Shirley Celli
Tuesday	June 25	3:00	Tentative ---General Meeting -Watch for E-mail announcement	
Wednesday	June 26	4:00	Word 5 – Part 2 (Win)	Jan Grenert
Thursday	June 27	9:00	Using McAfee VirusScan Software To Keep Your PC Healthy	Barbara Kaye
Friday	June 28	2:00	Excel 1	Jan Grenert
		4:00	Print Shop Greeting Cards 3	Doris Keniry

## JUNE CLASSES LISTED BY EVENT

AppleWorks 4	6/7	2:00	INTERNET SIG	6/11	7:00
			Mac 1 Mastering the Desktop	6/4	2:00
Begin MAC 1	6/14	2:00	Mac 2 Internet	6/11	2:00
Begin MAC 2	6/21	2:00	MAC SIG	6/21	9:00
Begin WIN 1 The mouse	6/3	3:00	Mac OS X – taking a look	6/18	2:00
Begin WIN 2 The Keyboard	6/4	3:00			
Begin WIN 3 Working w/ Files	6/5	3:00	Using a CD Burner on the PC	6/20	2:00
Begin WIN 4 Email/Internet	6/6	3:00	Using Norton Antivirus	6/6	9:00
Begin WIN 1 The mouse	6/17	3:00	Using McAfee Antivirus	6/27	9:00
Begin WIN 2 The Keyboard	6/19	3:00			
Begin WIN 3 Working w/ Files	6/20	3:00	Windows Maintenance And Organization	6/12	9:00
Begin WIN 4 Email/Internet	6/21	3:00			
BOARD MEETING	6/18	3:00			
			<b>Shirley Celli</b>		
DIGITAL SIG	6/12	7:00	Word 1	6/3	9:00
			Word 3.5	6/24	9:00
Excel 1 Membership List (WIN)	6/28	2:00	<b>Walter Goldsmith</b>		
			Word 2	6/11	9:00
GENERAL MEETING	6/25	3:00	Word 3	6/18	9:00
Greeting Cards 1 (WIN)	6/7	4:00	<b>Jan Grenert</b>		
Greeting Cards 2 (WIN)	6/14	4:00	Word 5, pt. 1	6/5	4:00
Greeting Cards 3 (WIN)	6/28	4:00	Word 5, pt. 2	6/24	4:00

Note: Due to a lack of space, the Minutes of the May 21 Board Meeting will not be published in this newsletter. However a copy of the minutes is on file in the lab.

# June General Club Information

## Meeting Schedule

### BOARD MEETING

June 18, 3:00 p.m.  
Computer Lab

### GENERAL MEETING

June 25, 3:00 p.m.  
Speakers' Hall

### INTERNET SIG

June 11, 7:00 p.m.

### DIGITAL SIG

June 12, 7:00 p.m.

### MAC SIG

June 21, 9:00 a.m.

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### June Monitors

Felice Bourne	Bob Jameson
Norm Bing	Barbara Kaye
Pete Claar	Jack Keniry
Shirley Cronin	Eleanor Lynch
Frank Diaz	Bob Morrison
Dick Franzen	Leonette Rowe
Jan Grenert	Norma Streeter
Charlie Voelker	

### June Teachers

Shirley Allan.....	345-5087
Shirley Celli.....	345-7159
Neal Denkler.....	772-9810
Walter Goldsmith.....	772-8448
Jan Grenert .....	360-9085
Bob Jameson.....	345-7883
Barbara Kaye.....	772-6520
Doris Keniry .....	345-3464
Lyn Morse .....	345-4466
Charlie Voelker.....	345-0123

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